

HOUSE BILL No. 1139

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-20-1-26; IC 25-35.6-4.

Synopsis: Selling hearing aids. Provides that a person may not sell, lease, or rent a hearing aid in Indiana unless the hearing aid has been fitted and adjusted by a hearing aid dealer or an audiologist. Exempts certain persons who issue a prescription or order for a hearing aid from the requirement. Provides a penalty for violations.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2013 Regular Session and 2013 First Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-20-1-26 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 26. A person may not sell, lease, or rent a hearing aid**
- 4 **in Indiana unless the person complies with the requirements under**
- 5 **IC 25-35.6-4-1.**
- 6 SECTION 2. IC 25-35.6-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 7 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 8 JULY 1, 2014]:
- 9 **Chapter 4. Unlawful Practices**
- 10 **Sec. 1. (a) This section does not apply to a prescription or order**
- 11 **by a person who:**
- 12 **(1) is licensed, certified, registered, or regulated by a board**
- 13 **listed in IC 25-1-9-1; and**
- 14 **(2) has authority to issue a prescription or order for a hearing**
- 15 **aid.**
- 16 **(b) A person may not sell, lease, or rent a hearing aid in Indiana**



1 unless the hearing aid has been fitted and adjusted by any of the
2 following:

3 (1) A hearing aid dealer who has been issued a certificate of
4 registration under IC 25-20.

5 (2) An audiologist who is licensed under this article.

6 (c) A person who violates this section commits a Class B
7 infraction.

